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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING RCE

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are timely submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2006, having a shortened three-month statutory period for reply that expires on October 12, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2**.

Remarks begin on **page 8** of this paper.